

Hedding Highlights



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*I went to the Hedding Fair,
The crafts and the food were there,
All the elephants white were bought before night
And the macho men sold all their wares.*

*You should have seen the games!
You could try out your strength or your aim,
Throw a sponge at a friend, but get dunked in the end
—And there's none but yourself to blame!*

*I came home from the Hedding Fair,
'Cause I spent all my money down there,
But I had lots of luck, Ladies made a few bucks,
What a ball—and for all, fun to spare!*

The Date Book

Friday, August 1, 1:00 p.m., the Studio.....Bible Study with Ella May Weaver
Saturday, August 2, 10:00 a.m.....Ladies' Auxiliary Fair!
7:00 p.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Day Camp Show
Sunday, August 3, 9:00 a.m., the Studio.....Prayer meeting
9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Church service. Rev. Bill Humphrey, Kittery, ME, preacher
Monday, August 4.....Ladies' Auxiliary annual trip
Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 p.m., Community House.....Jewelry class
7:00 p.m., the Studio.....Hymn sing

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▲round and About

• NOTICE •

The Annual Meeting of the Hedding Camp Meeting Association will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday August 16, 2008 in Chautauqua Hall. Any cottage owner wishing to vote by proxy for the Annual Meeting can obtain a proxy voting form at my cottage at 5 Barrows Avenue. Please fill it out and leave it with me. Please remember that only cottage owners can vote by proxy. Thank you.

—Tori Munley, secretary

Visiting Joe Fulkerson this weekend are Lorrie Decoster Veasey, her husband Kip, son Jesse and daughter Annie from New York as well as Jeff Decoster all the way from California.



Heddingites Beware - Strange encounters of the third kind. There is an alien among us rumored to be from the planet OG in the Orion Constellation. This person appears in the guise of Paul Clinton, but he is not really Paul Clinton at all. We know this because this impostor stalks the Hedding grounds wearing a Tampa Bay Rays baseball cap. So please, all residents of Hedding - use extreme caution should you encounter this person. He may also be carrying OG weapons, and should be considered armed and dangerous. Red Sox fans are known to be his favorite targets.

—A stranger who cares

[Another observation by one of your neighbors is the proof in the pudding - have you noticed the mid-calf high socks?]



For Sale: Two folding cots in very nice condition with thick mattresses and headboards; also, a four-burner gas stove with a side furnace. If interested, you may contact Dane or Sandra Hahn at 13 Baker Avenue - 566-5460.

Some of you may have noticed a faint, malodorous air wafting around the far end of the pool since the beginning of summer. It seems a Pepe la Pew (or Pepita as the case may be) has taken up residence in the pine grove adjacent to the pool.

As this is not conducive to a nice leisurely afternoon by the poolside, I am organizing a Skunk Hunt. For those of you who have not experienced one, it promises to be an exciting event. Volunteers should meet me at the entryway blackboard at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday August 2nd. Skunks are nocturnal, by the way, so the best opportunity to catch them is after dark.

What you will need to wear: black and white clothing (you need to bond with the skunk).

What you need to bring: pillowcases, brooms, kazoos, hazmat suits (if you have them) and grubs (for bait).

Be sure to put on plenty of insect repellent, as I would expect the mosquitos will be quite ferocious at that time of night. As a precautionary measure, you may want to stock up on tomato juice prior to the event. They say it is very effective in eliminating *eau de skunk* should you have a close encounter but not a catch. Hope to see you Saturday. Let's get the little bugger!

—Margot Lee

[As a follow-up to this tongue-in-cheek article, there is something a little more serious I would like to add, as it relates to recent editorials and to Paul Clinton's message to the children at this past Sunday service.

It's about R-E-S-P-E-C-T. I joked about the skunk but he (or she) has as much of a right to occupy a space on this earth as we do. All creatures are sacred and part of the ecosystem of our planet. We need them. They, quite frankly, do not need us.

We need the bees to pollinate our fruits and vegetables. We need the birds to spread seeds to maintain biodiversity. We need the fish, flora and fauna to keep our oceans, lakes and rivers healthy. The very least we can do is to show a little respect for these creatures.

We all caught frogs, toads, turtles, snakes, fireflies etc. when we were growing up but we were also taught to respect them. Frogs, turtles, etc. are not toys. It is great to pick them up, study them, learn about them, not be afraid of them, but it is not nice to treat them as though they came out of a box from Toys-R-Us. So let's try to teach the next generation a little respect for the various amphibian, aquatic, mammalian etc. friends that are so kind to share their world with us, to be gentle with them and put them back where they were found.]

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▲ Hedding Organizations

Fair News

It's almost game day and the coaches have their plays in order. When you come out to support your favorite team, don't forget your change and small bills to fully enjoy this year's park experience. From snacks to games to donations for prizes, there is something for everyone. A thank you goes out to Joan Crowell for stepping up to the plate! She will be managing the candy table at the game with her red hat in tow. Joan and Jodi Montalbano will have a combo table: Pinch Hitter (Red Hat) and Babe Ruth (candy). Please drop off your contributions Fair Day at the table or before at Joan's or Jodi's.

Now let's play ball!

—*Coaches, Angus, Crowell, Davis, Menc and Sheppard*

Concession Stand (Food Table): Thank you in advance for baking and donating your food items. Please bring them to the Food Table, labeled with the name and any special ingredients such as nuts, seeds, etc. We've had a great response to our **Cookie Tasting Contest**. Come support the Hedding Cookie Team by tasting and voting for your favorite cookie. There are some VERY delicious sounding cookies. How does "The Monkey Made Me Bake Them" sound? We can't wait to see that recipe! We will also have the "Our Name is Mud" table with Lorrie's whimsical designs. This year's items for donation will be an original painting by Jinny Kuhl and a Lorrie Veasey design child's tea set with a Hedding theme. Please

stop by to say hello, taste the cookies, donate for a prize and buy dessert for your evening meal. See you at the Fair. Any questions call Kathy or Susan at 679-5938 or see Jinny at the Library.



The White Elephant table is looking for donations. If you have any treasures, please bring them to the table the morning of the fair, or you can leave them on the porch of 2 Hamilton Avenue. Thanks!



If anyone has some jewelry, please feel free to drop it off at 3 Blake Avenue by Friday night. Thank you.



There's still time to make your donations for the MEN'S table. We have things for manly men, short men, tall men and even WOMEN. If you can think of another category we'll take donations for them too. Drop them off on John Davis's porch as Lou is too busy losing to his brother-in-law at golf.



The Fancy-Collectibles table (aka box seats) is bringing you a selection of drawing prizes. Number one is "the commissioners chair" (fair theme name) a throne of sorts, for that VIP...from which to rest and rule. Also you will be able to win a wrought iron door mat, a handsome Italian vase and a Sharper Image barbeque set. Decor, gifts, dining items, linens, aprons, art, frames, and vintage pieces are among our offerings this year. Have the kids ask about our goldfish. Come one, come all!

Chautauqua

The Chautauqua Association is very grateful to John and Penny Davis for bringing Teddy Tedescucci, our D. J., (also Penny's brother in law) to the Decades Dance on Saturday night. He was tremendous, has a great personality and we can't thank him enough

for donating his time making the dance such a success.

Teddy played a wide variety of songs that got people up and dancing. From two years on up, everyone enjoyed the music, the refreshments, (thank you, Cheryl, for your donation) the contests and the camaraderie. Five-dollar McDonald's coupon books and Dunkin Donuts gift cards were awarded to the best dancers and costumes. Ten prizes in all were given out. It was such a great time, perhaps we can do it again next year.

New members as of 8/1/08:

Greg Angus
Robyn Angus
Randy Clinton
Robert Clinton
Jim Davidson
Mr. and Mrs. John Angus
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clinton
Mr. and Mrs. Rich Dudley
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Fuller
Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGovern
Mr. and Mrs. James Odian

Library/Thrift Shop

I have purchased a new *Commisario Brunetti* mystery by Donna Leon. If you have visited Venice, you may enjoy this series. We also have another book by Lisa See, *Peony in Love*. This promises to be an interesting look at family and social life in 17th century China. You will find these new books on the sign out table.

The Thrift Shop continues to do extremely well. Thanks to all of you who have paid off your card balances. I would like to thank Margaret Newman and Sally Earley for the extra hours work this week, while I took care off my grandson in Salem, N.H.

—*Carolyn McEvoy*

Religious Lifelines

The Religious Life Committee would like to express their gratitude to Rev. Paul Clinton for

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Religious Lifelines, cont.

"stepping up to the mike" on Sunday when the regularly scheduled minister didn't appear (he was under the impression that the service was at 4:00 p.m.). Many years ago, Madeline Moran was asked "What would we do if the minister doesn't show?" and she replied "Don't worry, Billy will step up and speak." We don't have Billy anymore, but we do have Paul - so thank you very much, Paul. Rev. Bill Humphrey from St. Mark's in Kittery will be our minister this week (he was our Camp Meeting speaker three years ago).

Don't forget the weekly hymn sing on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Last Wednesday, despite all the rain, we still had 7 people brave the weather for the hymn sing!) and the Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. - both at the Studio.

Thanks to greeters for July 27th, Peter and Anna Wicks. Bill and Patty Crowell will be greeters on August 3rd.

The flowers on Sunday, July 27 were given in memory of Tom Dwyer Sr. by Tom and Tracy Dwyer, in memory of loved ones by Ann and Jack Clinton, and in memory of Oscar and Tina Hall by Heather, Jamie, and Monica Stimmel.

Day Camp

The sleep-out became a sleep-in at the Community House. The first floor was re-arranged to become a dormitory, with tables and chairs piled along the side. We learned some new games, saw a few movies and had some yummy goodies. We did have s'mores but no campfire and scary stories.

This year the children did not have to travel very far for their breakfast. All they had to do was wake up, wash up and eat. Jay McKinley had most of the breakfast prepared before any of the rest of the committee got there to help. Great job, Jay. Not only did he get everything ready, he came back later and cleaned up, washed the floors and left the place spic and span. He

and his crew were awesome. Thank you!

This week Day Camp has been busy rehearsing for the Day Camp show and finishing up some crafts for the fair. Tuesday there were some great workshops for the Day Campers. Jenn Fuller did a wonderful workshop on puppets with the younger Day Campers, and the older Day Campers were treated to a fencing demonstration from Casey Anderson and John McKinley. A huge thank you to all of them. We are hoping to have field hockey and lacrosse workshops in the future.

Next week we will be having a show on wild animals, brought to us from Maine [*See why we need commas? —Ed.*] as well as a field trip to Aquaboggan.

Don't forget the **Day Camp Show** this Saturday night. The children have been practicing long and hard to make this a great production. We know that everyone will be tired after the Fair, but come to Chautauqua Hall on Saturday night for an hour or so and cheer the kids on. Your continued support of the Day Camp is greatly appreciated.



There has been a steady number of six campers attending **Kiddie Camp**. This week they had a Pajama Day and two rehearsals on stage. The Kiddie Campers made Hedding shells and trinket boxes.

I want to thank Doug Wilkin for the kiddie shirts, Charlotte Zink for the Goldfish, Ryan Hutchins for the donuts, Jim and Doreen Odian for the power plug and Cheryl McGovern and Cindi Fuller for helping with the costumes. And a very special thank you to Matt Crowell for installing the new fan in Kiddie Camp. Thanks, Keith, for helping too. Come see the Kiddie Campers at the show. They will delight you with their songs!

—Diane Crowell

Ladies' Auxiliary

As Tea Chairman, I would like to thank Jane, Margaret and Carolyn for coming to the rescue for the ladies' meeting on July 22nd. Ginny was sick and Rita went to the aid of her workshop at home. Still a great collation was made up before the meeting. Certainly makes my job easier.

—Joan Crowell

The Ladies' Auxiliary would like to thank Darrell Huddleston for coming and speaking to the group about Heifer International. This is an exciting organization and you can become involved. Just ask Darrell and he will give you all the information you need. The meeting starts at 1:30 with refreshments, then a short business meeting followed by the speaker for the week at 2:00. Come and join us. There is always room for one or two more.

On Monday, August 4th, the Ladies will be taking their annual trip. This year we will be visiting "The Maine Idea Cottage" in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. It was reported on in "Coastal Living" and is an example of a "green" cottage.

Lunch will follow at the Surfe 6, a restaurant right on the beach in Old Orchard Beach. There is a signup sheet at the front of the Studio; please sign up as soon as possible as the trip will be *this coming Monday!*

Around and About, cont.

The baptism of Victoria Nicole Parisi will be held this Sunday, August 3rd in Chautauqua Hall during the worship service. Also, Michael Nicholas Parisi celebrated his second birthday.



Belated birthday wishes to Lou Powers (otherwise known as uncle Lou) who celebrated his birthday on Monday, July 28th with a filet mignon dinner on Sunday evening followed by a lobster feast on his big day.

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN



Rev. Henry B. Copp wrote a piece for the August 29, 1916 issue of the Derry Enterprise recalling the early camp meetings. He well remembered driving from Londonderry with a large company of Methodists to the camp meetings at South Newmarket. He had missed very few since that time.

He recalled the large circle of white cloth tents which served a good purpose except in the case of a long heavy rain storm, "when sometimes the rain would beat through the cotton covering and make matters inside a little disagreeable, particularly so when the occupants wished to sleep."

"Your correspondent remembers lying in a tent one night on these grounds (Hedding) during the prevalence of a severe rain storm when he found it quite convenient to sleep with an umbrella over his head. Not caring to sleep another night on the damp ground, we were glad to find dryer quarters at the old Barber farm, the ladies staying in the house and the men sleeping on the hay mow, glad of so good a bed."

Menu for Camp Meeting Week

Sunday, August 10th following the worship service: Brunch Buffet with all the favorites. Adults \$9.00, Kids four through twelve \$5.00 and children under three are free.

Sunday evening light dinner: Chili, corn chowder, salad and corn bread. Includes dessert.

Monday, August 11th Lunch: Chicken nuggets and French fries.

Supper: Roast pork, oven roasted potatoes, applesauce, baby carrots, and dessert.

Tuesday, August 12th Lunch: Soft tacos or taco salad with lettuce, tomato, chili and cheese and dessert.

Supper: Shepherd's pie, salad, rolls, and dessert.

Wednesday, August 13th: Ladies' Day Activities. No lunch for the public.

Supper: Italian Fiesta Night.

Thursday, August 14th Lunch: Assorted sandwiches on choice of bread served with pickles and chips.

Supper: Stuffed chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley and dessert.

Friday, August 15th Lunch: English muffin pizzas.

Supper: Baked haddock, rice pilaf, cole slaw, rolls and dessert.

Saturday, August 16th: No Lunch Served.

Supper: Baked macaroni and cheese, ham, salad and dessert.

Sunday, August 17th following the worship service: Pot luck.

Coffee, beverages and desserts are served with all meals.

If anyone has any special dietary needs, please see Lisa in advance. She will be more than willing to accommodate you. Otherwise, come and enjoy our featured menu.

Take a vacation from cooking in the August heat during Camp Meeting Week. Let us do it for you. You're sure to enjoy the great food and the fellowship as Heddingites and their guests gather together to share meals.

Volunteers are always needed/welcomed to serve and clean up! See you there.

—Lisa Blackburn and Marsha Taylor